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<TEXT>Although I am forwarding you a scripted letter from TracFone, I find myself in agreement with its basic principles. I fail to see why I should have to pay the same rate as a corporation when I make only 2-3 long distance calls a month. They get tax breaks for telephone expenses and can use their economic clout to negotiate lower rates. If they are using the phones so much more, then why should I have to pay more? Please reject the flat fee proposal.

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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